

**650—12.3 (147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dental hygiene.****12.3(1) *Completion of regional clinical examination required.***

*a. CRDTS accepted for licensure by examination.* To meet the requirements for dental hygiene licensure by examination, applicants shall complete the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.

*b. Special transition period for dentists passing WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011.* An applicant who has successfully passed the WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011, may apply for licensure by examination.

**12.3(2) *Compliance with testing requirements and procedures.***

*a. CRDTS.* Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.

*b. Special transition period for dentists passing WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011.* Examinees who successfully complete the WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011, shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by WREB.

**12.3(3) *Scoring requirements.***

*a.* Prior to December 31, 2003, the examinee must attain an average grade of 70 percent on the examination.

*b.* Between January 1, 2004, and June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS or WREB.

*c.* Post-June 22, 2011, and special transition period.

(1) Effective June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS.

(2) Special transition period for dental hygienists passing WREB. Examinees who successfully complete the WREB examination by September 1, 2011, must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by WREB.

**12.3(4) *Practical demonstrations.*** Each examinee shall be required to perform such practical demonstrations as may be required by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc., for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dental hygiene.

**12.3(5) *Clinical examinations accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials.*** The board is authorized by 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 153.21 to establish the regional or national testing service examinations that will be accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of application for licensure by credentials submitted pursuant to 650—Chapter 11: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB), and Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA).